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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Where is it that a thought becomes a deed... that an idea becomes a solid thing... a dream a reality? We're looking at something along those lines at Rescue Ranch....answers to questions like those.

We at RR, along with other like-minded groups and individuals have started thinking about establishing a spay/neuter clinic that would serve all of Siskiyou County, a place for people to take their pets that is affordable. A van would be available that would go to the farthest reaches of the county, transporting the "patients" to and from the clinic.

RR was given a 24' x 60' manufactured home in very good condition that could have been re-located on RR property, but did not meet code for a commercial structure. Regardless.....the intent is still there.

To have such a clinic would represent a new day dawning on one of the biggest problems facing animal control in Siskiyou County; namely, too many puppies. Too many puppies translates into too many grown dogs without a home.

RR doesn't have much choice but to pursue alternatives to our present circumstance. No dogs are adopted from the Ranch unless they have been spayed or neutered, and we incur those costs even though the dogs are taken to Oregon where the procedures are more cost effective than they are locally. Add the cost of transportation and it is still a major expense which drains funds that could be utilized in other parts of the rescue program.

All the monies that are available to advancing the RR concept of animal protection are given by generous people such as yourselves, and the Rescue Ranch Board of Directors takes seriously our responsibility to maximize the effectiveness of the spending of that money.

There are always going to be enough puppies....always....but if, through the efforts of people in the county, a clinic could be established to meet this growing need, the world would become a better place to live. Imagine.....no more homeless dogs!

What do YOU think? Please let me know. Drop me a line at 1010 Lane Street, Yreka, 96097 or pandjack@att.net.

Have a great summer. Come out and see us at the Ranch and say "Hi". Almost everything you'll see out there started

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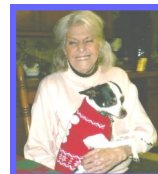
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"HANNAH" sleeps on her half of the bed!" says her man about the unequal bed sharing of husband, wife and 8 lb. Chihuahua. It was "instant friends" when her new family met Hannah— she snuggled up real close and endeared herself instantly. "She's changed our lives so much... she will lay inside in the sun coming through the window where she can see you outside and if you slowdown for a second or bend over to get a tool or stop to rest, she runs out and is right there ready for attention. She loves to be held". Sounds like a good situation for Hannah. She's pretty well-loved!



SHELTER HOURS FOR VISITORS

**Open Daily
12:00 to 4:00**

ADOPTING A SENIOR OR SPECIAL NEEDS DOG IS A TREMENDOUS ACT OF KINDNESS. THEY KNOW JUST HOW PRECIOUS YOUR GIFT OF LOVE IS.

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The reason you're receiving this is.....



...dogs can smell a good person a mile away!

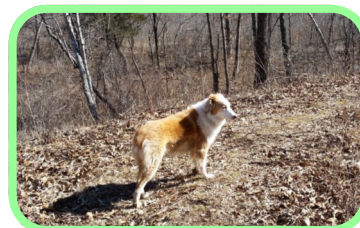
If you believe that a best friend can't be bought.....If you believe that someone with four legs is just as important as someone with two.....If you believe that every pet is worthy of life.....then you're one of us.....a group of like-minded animal lovers intent on stopping the killing of millions of unwanted pets all across America. Thanks for caring.

She was a pretty, little black Schipperke mix with a sweet personality and disposition, who found herself at RR through no fault of her own and who only wanted to be somebody's love. Then the seizures started..... nobody knows why, least of all **"BEAN"**. A kind volunteer took her home hoping to keep her, but the seizures were too terrifying, so back she came. Then she was fostered while a medication was tried—one dosage worked for awhile, the next 2 didn't, so back to RR she came where she didn't do too well at first but then the correct dosage was found—but we still feared that she would be very difficult to place until



.....a very caring gentleman walked in the door looking particularly for a friend with special needs and had the experience necessary to care for this sweet girl. Miracles happen here at Rescue Ranch all the time!!

"MARCO" was adopted not long ago and soon moved to Missouri where he goes everywhere with his best friend.... any time the truck is moving, he wants to go, whether it's the work truck or family truck. He also loves to go on runs with his man. They do a lot of that...in the town and out in the woods. In the woods, he will separate from his man, and take off and run every which way butnever gets lost. Marco's tail has been docked, so you have to look real close to see if it's wagging, says his friend. "Marco is good to run with and good to be around... when he's not with me, I miss him. He makes me happy." Lucky Marco!



RESCUE RANCH COMPLETED 190 ADOPTIONS IN 2015 AND HAS RE-HOMED 59 DESERVING DOGS ALREADY THIS YEAR!! YOU HAVE HELPED MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

HOW MANY DOGS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?

Border Collie.....Just one; not only that, I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
 Australian Shepherd.....Just round up the bulbs in a neat little circle for me....
 Labrador.....Oh me, me! Pleeze let me do it. Can I? Can I?
 Hound Dog.....ZZZZZZZZZZZ.



WE CONTINUE TO NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

In addition to regular food supplies, veterinarian services and day-to-day operational expenses, we need extra funds for the injured and neglected souls who come to us in need of specialized treatment. We call that fund "KITU'S Fund". No amount is too small and all donations are tax deductible.

Another way to help is by sending a donation to honor your loved ones at special occasions such as Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, births and deaths, which will be acknowledged with an appropriate custom card.

STEADFAST VOLUNTEERS



LAURA FINLEY—VOLUNTEER

Laura Finley began her acquaintance with Rescue Ranch during the 2001 flood by hauling dogfood up to the Black Mountain site in her 4-wheel drive vehicle with a friend, then spent a short few weeks walking the dogs there. Then life sort of took over.....but later as she traveled Oberlin Road, she watched as the current facility was being established.

Then a few years ago she and husband, John Golay, decided to volunteer again.

Laura is one of the most selfless dog lovers who ever darkened the door at Rescue Ranch! While holding down a full-time job and putting in lots of overtime there, she takes on more and more work at RR. She is excited about improving our website and collaborating with fundraiser folks to gar-

ner more funds to improve the lives of the resident dogs and those dogs yet to come, not to mention her hard work in gathering the information and seeing to the paperwork involved in writing grants. At the same time she plans and orchestrates special events, such as Christmas Pics at Tractor Supply, Spring Fun Day, PetSmart and other-venue adoption events AND, she is in her own right an experienced trainer and manages to fit in time for the resident dogs .

Over her lifetime she has shared her home with about 14 dogs of her own then two more after she married, and just since December 1st of last year she and John have fostered 16 puppies!

Wow....we wish we could clone her! Thank you so much, Laura.

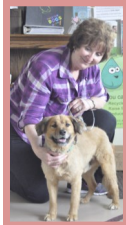
SANTA SHOOT AT TRACTOR SUPPLY

What a great day! Everyone worked hard and had a lot of fun, all in the Christmas spirit, setting up for, arranging subjects and taking the pictures of your child, your dog or your child and your dog to remember Christmas, 2015.

Many, many thanks to our wonderful (and genuine-looking) Santa Bruce Morris, our photographers Christi Scalera and Sarah Gross, Santa's own elf Leslie Blankenship, and all his other helpers.



"This dog is the most awesome dog! I love him and he loves me." 'CHEWIE' and his best friend take several walks a day in a forested area and he "loves it!"
"He's the most precious thing I have....he's made my life better."



VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

EVERY GIFT SAVES LIVES!



YOU TOO CAN HELP

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization. Along with board members and staff, regular volunteers help by providing muscle, love and compassion with great team spirit. The rewards for helping those in need and especially those who cannot speak for themselves, are life changing. RR is an organization that has set a very high standard in all aspects of rescue and is most grateful to the generous, caring people who donate to this very worthy cause. Please call (530) 842-0829 today, to see what you can do to help. With your support we are making the world a better place.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CARING SUPPORTERS!!

WE BELIEVE THE BEST DREAMS ARE BIG. WE BELIEVE NO ANIMAL SHOULD DIE WAITING FOR A HOME. WE ARE WORKING TO MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY.

"NOODLES GETS HOME"

Just a little more than a year ago we adopted a tiny little dog from our local shelter here in Iowa. She was 8 years old and the people at the shelter didn't have much hope for her, or any plans for finding her a home. So, of course, we adopted her and then promptly decided to go on a trip. While on our vacation from Iowa to northern California, a drunk driver smashed into and totaled our parked car. We were at a loss of what to do. Our family helped us but there didn't seem to be a way to get our dog back home to Iowa.

The only thing we could do was to give her up and hope for the best. We called around, but the only place that had room for her was an organization that may have put her down, but.... the people at RR were in touch with them and took her in when finally they had room. I was in and out of contact with RR for 3 weeks until I finally gave up hope. The very next day I got a call from RR saying that with several people, each willing to complete a leg of the trip, they had a ride home for our "Noodles"!! That was the happiest and most unexpected news we'd ever gotten! The person who brought "Noodles" home didn't seem to think too much of it. It was just a nice thing to do. To us it was amazing; we cried, we laughed, we got peed upon by our unsuspecting dog! All thanks to RR. Noodles now enjoys lounging in the sun, chasing chipmunks and rabbits out of the yard and cuddling up to watch cheesy movies with us. She's a very happy little dog and we have only RR to thank for that.

I know that RR does so much more than help some random strangers get their little dog back, but to us it meant the world. Thank you so much!

Excerpts from a letter from our friends in Iowa

FOR DONATIONS

Please fill out below and insert in enclosed envelope. Thank you so much!

I am donating \$_____ . Please use for:

Food and Treats _____ \$_____

Veterinarian fees/medications _____ \$_____

Kennels and bedding _____ \$_____

Kitu's Fund _____ \$_____

Other _____ \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

2015 VET BILLS:
\$19,608.00



2016 VET BILLS
TO-DATE: \$2,271.00



"He's a perfect little boy" says "**JESSIE'S**" new best friend, "we're so happy we got him." This lucky little guy has a toybox full of his favorite little squeaky toys which he shares with his 'sister' and he LOVES his walks. He makes his family laugh when he sleeps....upside down with all 4 feet in the air! "We plan our lives around our dogs" and Jessie has totally "wrapped himself around our hearts."



VOLUNTEERS ROCK!!

*Rescue Ranch is seeking some very special volunteers who have a heart for raising funds for the support of the dogs. This is a critical need...so if you have not only the heart, but some skills or experience or even just the desire to learn, **WE NEED YOU.***

Please call the Ranch at (530) 842-0829

"You took me in. You gave me love and may we never part"

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"WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOVING HOMES—WE NEED YOUR HELP."

WANTED: MORE LOVING HOMES.

THANK YOU FOR THE COMPASSION, THE GENEROUS DONATIONS, THE ADOPTIONS, THE TIME YOU VOLUNTEER AND THE CARE YOU SHOW FOR THE DOGS WHO FIND THEMSELVES AT RESCUE RANCH LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL FOREVER HOME. THE BOARD, THE STAFF AND MOST OF ALL THE DOGS, THANK YOU WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS.

Although this handsome boy is pretty much a 'couch potato', he does love his toys. He plays catch all by himself by slinging his favorite toy into the air and catching it.

"He's just what I was looking for...we're quite comfortable together. **"THOR"** has added a lot to my life, teaching me patience and to be more affectionate", I and my extended family 'love him to death'...he brings lots of joy...he's a great little dog".

"BEATRICE" has been in her forever home now for awhile and is very happy. She loves to play and when she wants attention she "talks"...barks, whines, wags her tail and/or brings a toy to get noticed. "Beatrice plays 24/7" says her family "she's all love and play. We just love her a lot!"

"Our **'CHARLIE'** is so smart and we're so happy that we brought him to our house." says Charlie's new parents. "He is a great watchdog and since we are hard of hearing it is a blessing. We never thought about getting a rescue dog before, now we would recommend it to everyone !

We love him so much. Thank you for bringing so much happiness and love into our home!"

This big, goofy, loveable guy made out like a champ when he went home with his wonderful new family! **"DUKE"** has some health issues that most people would not be willing to take on but his adopters are familiar and experienced in dealing with those issues and are committed to keeping him healthy and happy. "He's doing great!, his family says, "he obeys commands, gets along well with the other Family dog and is an excellent walker at Greenhorn Park." Duke is ball-driven to the max and will not stop playing ball until "your arm falls out of the socket". One of his other favorite things to do is to climb onto the tire swing in the yard and spin and spin, then get off, let the chain unwind and do it all over again. He's a good dog and a really good fit", his happy family says.

"Our **'ZEKE', aka 'Big D'**, is doing well. We feel so fortunate to have him in our family—he is one of the nicest, most loyal dogs and we just love him! He loves going in the pickup..... whether it be shopping or a trip to the woods—he's the first one in the truck! He is a joy and we thank you for letting us be his parents."

Please let us know how your new friend has settled in. We LOVE

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SAVE A LIFE...ADOPT A DOG!

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO CONTINUE OUR LIFE-SAVING WORK.

TIPS TO MAKE YOUR DOG FEEL SECURE DURING STORMS AND “NOISY” CELEBRATIONS

- ♦ Be proactive and don't wait for your dog to become agitated. Keep her safely inside. Before noise begins dogs should be placed in a cool, sheltered, quiet area with water available. Close and cover windows and secure the door. Leave a TV or radio playing. Be sure to remove any items that would be harmful if chewed.
- ♦ Make sure your dog is licensed and wearing an ID tag that includes your name and phone #, along with license and microchip information.
- ♦ Do not leave them outside alone, even in a fenced yard.
- ♦ Walk early. During the fireworks season, walk dogs well before nightfall to prevent undue stress from noisy fireworks or thunder.
- ♦ Talk to your veterinarian about other ways to help your dog cope.
- ♦ If you find a stray, look for ID tags, keep them with you and protect them until you locate the owner or a shelter that can care for them.
- ♦ If your dog becomes lost, immediately 1) contact your local animal control agency, 2) check around your neighborhood carefully: dogs may hide and can travel many miles if frightened, and 3) put up flyers with a photo and description.
- ♦ **CONTACT #S TO REMEMBER: SISKIYOU COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL—841-4028, YREKA PD ANIMAL CONTROL —841-2306, WEED ANIMAL CONTROL — 925-2918, SISKIYOU HUMANE SOC. SHELTER — 926-4052, RESCUE RANCH —842-0829.**

DONATE.... ADOPT.... VOLUNTEER....

EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF DOGS ARE ABUSED, ABANDONED, STARVED, MAIMED, TORTURED OR DESTROYED. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN.....

***DONATE...
ADOPT...
VOLUNTEER...***

"We brought **"WILLOW"** home on a Sunday and by Monday afternoon I knew she had accepted me as her alpha male. By Wednesday afternoon I knew we had really bonded...she would rub herself all over me with pure glee in her eyes. She was a diamond in the rough who now shines like the perfect gem she is!!"

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND DONATIONS ARE BLESSINGS AS WE STRUGGLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SO MANY.

ANIMAL MEDICAL HOSPITAL STAFF IN ASHLAND

A very caring group of people practice at a state of the art facility in Ashland called the Animal Medical Hospital. Three veterinarians and 10 staff are very welcoming and not only have they been sympathetic to RR needs in regard to setting up timely appointments for our four-legged guys, but they have selflessly helped to bring down the costs of spay and neuter procedures. These are some of the great people there who care for the broken, hurt, sick or unaltered, pooches that find their way to Rescue Ranch. They really care!

AGILITY TRAINING

Call the Ranch
(842-0829) to be
added to the list for next Spring's Agility classes.

THEY FILL UP FAST, so be one of the first to sign up and pay and you'll be assured of a place. Class size is limited, so there may eventually be a waiting list.

Exact dates are yet to be determined but will probably be near the first of April.

Classes consists of 6 sessions for \$75 which is very generously donated to RR. Thanks Kathy & Vern Fueston!

OUR BOARDING CLIENTELE LIST CONTINUES TO GROW AND IS DEFINITELY HELPING TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF CARING FOR OUR RESCUE DOGS. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL AND GENEROUS CLIENTS.

'**LOLA**' aka '**LILY**', "has to be where we are, always," says her family. She is so much fun when we take her on vacations to the beach...she loves it. When we leave the house in the car, her face poking through the curtains in the window is the last thing we see as we drive off and the first thing we see as we drive back in".

LILY loves her teddy bear and sleeping on the couch, which she insisted was her bed in spite of the rules.

"She's a wonderful dog and a perfect fit for us."

Just another Rescue Ranch love story!

"**BELLA**' sleeps in beds and plays ball better than any other dog!" says her 'Mom' and "she just loooooooves tennis balls.... carries one around with her all the time", and sometimes "sleeps with one in her mouth". She is "such a love" and "just super!"

And obviously very well loved!

'**KEENAN**' has "brought so much joy into our lives, he's been my buddy since day one", but is "well loved by all of us." says his "Mom". This family of 4 with 2 young daughters says that Keenan was slow to open up to the world, but now loves being held and "is such a blessing to us". "Mom" also says that he has made great friends with the family cat, and when she comes home after being out, he greets her profusely and makes her smile. She says laughingly, "He's the son I'll never have."

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"**SILVER**' joined our family 2 months ago. We were told he would be a challenge as he had been abandoned very young and had trouble socializing. It's been a lot of work, but he is making remarkable progress. He has a new nickname—"Mr. Pickles". At first he was a Dill Pickle, scared of everything and everybody, shrinking in fear. He became Bread & Butter Pickle as he began to trust and work through his issues. Once he trusted, he was eager and quick to train. He is very smart. Once he realized that dog biscuits came out of a large box on the floor, when no one was looking he would open the box, get one biscuit, close the box and take his treasure down the hall so no one would catch him in the act! Hah! As trust grew he became Sweet Pickles, full of love and joy to see us, wagging his tail and excited to go on walks or ride in the car. And finally there is Pickle Relish...he is so full of

it when he wants to play. He can simply wear you out with his exuberance. Silver is very verbal, he snorts, snores and purrs like a cat! He whines and barks when he is excited and often gets the hiccups and growls when he is afraid. Now, who wouldn't love this boy! We have seen so much progress that we believe that with lots of love and structure he will soon become comfortable with the rest of the world and continue his journey towards being a happy and social, well-adjusted dog."

"BOWLING FOR DOGGER\$" A SUCCESS

On Saturday, February 13th, Cedar Lanes Bowling Alley in Weed hosted a fundraiser for Rescue Ranch. There were many bowlers out that night and the fun lasted way into the wee hours of the morning. Thank you to all who participated to help the four-legged souls at Rescue Ranch. And THANK YOU, CEDAR LANES!!

These adorable Schnauzer girls are 5 months old now and "doing great!", their human friend says. "LILY" & "PIPER" love to survey their park-like backyard in the morning sun. They both know a few basic commands, are beginning some agility work and are being taught "Play Chase" by their grown siblings. One favorite game is to hunt for the perfect rock, bark chip or pinecone and scurry in through the doggie door to hide it inside. With 2 siblings and many other regular visiting canines (mostly Schnauzers) they line up on the couch to watch Cesar 911 ! Too cute!!

FUNNY BONES

An owner and his dog were sitting in a movie theater. The dog's eyes were glued to the screen: He barked at the villains, wagged his tail to cheer on the hero and howled at all the jokes. Noticing the dog's exuberance, an usher commented, "Wow, it's amazing how much your dog enjoyed the movie!" The owner answered: "I know, I can't figure it out either—he hated the book!"

DOGS ARE PEOPLE, TOO!!